

LAND OF MANY FALLS

Prof. Swensberg Describes the
Beauties of

MONTANA'S WILD SCENERY

The Great Falls and Its Tributary
Rock-Hibbed and Mountain-
Created Country.

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That there is something in a name was never more forcibly impressed than in that given to Great Falls and its succession of falls, of which we are about to write a short letter. The scenery along the Missouri river banks is varied and beautifully romantic. We pass over undulating table lands, de-lightfully in contrast with the precipitous and rugged country from which we plunged but yesterday, and through which unparalleled formation the care-ful observer was confronted with sight commanding interests, almost breath-taking the special design of the Omnipotent to carve out for this "God's coun-try" of rocks, of vale and dale, a destiny in contemplation of which all other scenes of the terrestrial should stand aghast.

Of the superhuman gorge and channel ways it is not overdrawn to say that the physical geography of the earth here discloses nothing singular, either in composition, extent or formation, than does this succession of rock-hibbed and tumbling of water, blued and beauti-fied by the shadows and sun, the moon, the glimmering stars and the ever-changing, variegated clouds which pass swiftly over, casting their reflections into the wild fantastic Missouri waters below. The word "change" seems to be written on everything, and there are not two scenes just alike in our travels. The world is an ever-changing panoramic scene, grand and sublime; what one lacks the other supplies. For fifty miles or more, between perpendicular walls of mighty rocks, rolls the furious rushing river which, in springtime, when the melting snows from the mountain top send down their foaming torrents, present a spec-tacle of horror and exceeding delight be-yond all human power of pen and ink description.

Emerging from these awe-inspiring, rocky recesses, we are presently ushered upon the poet's transformation scene of "Pleasant vales and pastures green, with gentle slopes and groves between."

Other Beautiful Scenes.

We now gaze upon the broad plateaus and fertile bottoms of the Missouri and the rich alluvials of the Belt mountain foot hills, the vast extent of grass-laden tablelands stretching out before us in every direction. We viewed with awe and admiration the mighty cataracts of the Missouri and the Great Spring. We cast our eyes over Great Falls, and the most charming basin of the Missouri, homed in on every side by the gentle sloping pampas; the broad and placid river coursing the young city in a semi-circle, and the romantic river of the Sun, making its confluence at the upper point of the arc, and we said to ourself, "Here is a spot of surprising loveliness." To it, point the surrounding thorough-fares, toward it flow the streams; the grades from all directions incline this way, and here is nature's gravitating point, Montana's fixed and inevitable center, the wondrous concentration of mining, manufacturing and agricultural resources. Here is the divinely ap-pointed site of the future city of the great and new northwest.

Here is the monster dam. This mighty work of skilled men's creation means the injection of various important in-dustrial elements into this young and prosperous city. It means that the Mis-souri shall no longer flow listlessly toward the sea, but that its power shall turn the wheels of manufacturing and line the river banks with varied indus-tries. The dam is located about 200 feet of the pitch of Black Eagle falls and ex-tends across the river. No expense was spared in its construction, and it is pro-nounced one of the most perfect works of its kind in America. The center of the dam is built of square timber and stone combined, while the forebays and head are entirely of cut stone. The rock bed being solid rock, the dam will bid defiance to all the floods that may sweep like relentless torrents down the Missouri valley. The dam and head-gates are 1,100 feet in length and re-quire 2,000,000 feet of timber, 60,000 feet of plank, 100 tons of iron and bolts, 8,000 cubic yards of stone filling in the cribs, 1,000 cubic yards of gate chamber masonry, and twelve head gates. The dam and manufacturing plants are es-tablished at a healthful distance below the city.

Source of Motive Power.

Railroads and side tracks center at this point and lead the products and send directly from the doors of the fac-tories to all points without the least in-convenience to the producers and the city. The power for electric light, street cars, motors, elevators, etc., is taken from this great water power. We are now at an elevated point, command-ing full view of four different mountain ranges. The sight is ideal as well as real. Here we are in sight of the great cataracts of the Missouri, a succession of falls and rapids, with a total fall of 312 feet. The first fall, the "Black Eagle," has a descent of twenty-eight and one-half feet and an available fall of fifty-four feet. The other falls are "Rainbow," "Bartonsburg," "perpendicu-lar," "Collier's," "fourteen feet," "Horse-shoe" or "Crooked," twenty feet, and lastly the maring plunge of 100 feet is that of "Great Falls." This series of rock ribbed steps is followed by minor falls with cliffs worn in fantastic shapes, which cause the water to leap over their shelves in irregular spray among the heaving precipices, and the number-greens of clinging trees, vines and mosses, all picture madly as it were, over the great ledges, producing misty clouds of spray. But nature was not yet well pleased, and thus presented a sight of grandeur in the erection of the "Great Spring," and the only one of its kind on earth.

We sat down, reviewed the past, while

thoughtfully listening to the murmur-ings and minglings of the fresh and cool waters, gurgling, turbulent sounds, then gazed upon the broad plateaus and mountain foot hills over which we had passed, when we became impressed with all that was before us. We viewed again and again the mighty cataracts of the Missouri, the Eagle falls, the Rainbow falls, the Crooked falls, the Horseshoe falls and the Collier's falls.

Milk River Valley.

The Great Falls, the Great Spring, the "All is well, grand, beautiful and sublime." A spot of unsurpassed loveliness. But we must pass on facing outward, while our thoughts still linger backward. Words, art, and written pages could not improve upon nature's work. The Great Falls are here and none here else.

Fort Assiniboine.

This is the largest frontier post in the United States. It was built during 1870 and 1880, then a distance of 250 miles from any railroad, and the most remote military post in the union. The fort is situated among the foothills of Bear Paw mountains, on a clear rushing mountain stream, supplied by Lake Pakoghee, which lies away up in the mountains. This fort is constructed of brick, and on the spot, and costs \$1,000,000. A full regiment is constantly stationed at this post, which is declared to be the health-iest in the United States, and is used for a sanitarium for companies stationed in the south. We noticed the officers and privates were the most tony and aristocratic regulars we have ever seen. So tony that they do not agree with Uncle Sam as to the pronunciation of the fort.

We found many visitors here, wealthy families visiting their friends, brothers, sons, fathers and husbands, and they were in most excellent condition. Leaving Fort Assiniboine, we entered the heart of cattle ranches. On either side of us we saw the cattle and horses peacefully grazing on the short, dry, but nutritious grasses. Here are thousands, yes, tens of thousands of cattle, sheep and horses, apparently without owners, that never had a bit of feed during their existence other than the natural ranch grasses. How they exist on the grass we saw is beyond our understanding, yet they were in most excellent condition. At Big Sandy station are seen the large ranching outfits, and where the cowboys were mingling with the Indians in all their glory. Here, too, freight caravans are supplied and started for Judith Basin and the Sweet Grass Hills, composed often of five wagons, hitched one to another, forming a long train, which is drawn by a string of from fifteen to twenty spans of cayuses (mean-ing ponies) or oxen, in a single team. But onward for Fort Benton is the word, and from that point we will write our next letter.

THAT NEW HOTEL.

One of the Interested Parties Says It's a Sure Thing.

One of the persons directly interested in the new hotel project, stated yester-day that the hotel will positively be built. The plans were recently de-scribed in THE HERALD, but several per-sons who have no interest in the matter talked for publication to the effect that the hotel would not be erected. "The hotel is certainly a go," said the in-formant yesterday. "Notwithstanding the fact that the persons interested in the matter have denied it, the thing is de-cided. I know what I'm talking about. I myself am interested in the matter and know that D. H. Waters, Willard Barnhart, George G. Briggs, John McIntyre and D. A. Blodgett have promised to take the stock. J. Boyd Pantlind, although he refused to talk about the matter, will manage the hotel." Dudley E. Waters, who represents his father, D. H. Waters, during the latter's absence in Florida, was asked about the statement, and said: "The newspapers have killed the whole matter by pub-lishing it before we got ready to give anything out. I'd like to find the man you newspaper men got your informa-tion from. I know of one man that has lost a good position by telling what he knew, and I think if I could find this man, that there'd be two of them." And thus the new hotel project rests.

RECEIVED A WARNING.

Gravel Road Company Must Have Its Street Left Smooth.

The regular session of the board of public works held yesterday afternoon developed nothing but routine business, excepting that the Reed's Lake Gravel Road company warned the city to be careful in what condition it leaves the street where water pipes are being laid. Residents on Caulfield avenue asked to have the water mains laid in that street. The same was asked by residents on Griggs avenue. Alderman Stein ap-peared before the board and explained the necessity of water in these streets. Leonard Koning also appeared before the board and asked to have the mains laid in Eleventh street.

W. H. Anderson, president of the Reed's Lake Gravel Road company, notified the board that the company would hold the city responsible for damages if the road was not left in proper condition after the water mains are laid in that street.

Mr. Worlen called up the manner in which work is done on some of the im-pertant contracts. He said he thought the present system of inspectors a very poor one, as the inspectors did not seem to do their duty. The result was that residents were constantly complaining of the manner in which jobs were being done.

Mr. Shelby said the board could not run around to see that the inspectors do their duty. The board hired a superintendent and inspectors, and if they did not do their duty they should be discharged and new men hired. It

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Macabee Committee Headquarters

The building at No. 10 South Division street has been engaged by the general committee of arrangements for the Knights of the Macabee great camp reunion next September for committee headquarters for the coming six months.

The room will be open each night for the use of the various sub-committees. The finance committee, the one on which rests the greatest responsibility for the success of the September meeting, will meet at headquarters next Friday night.

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Spiritualistic Spiritualists.

Tonight, April 9, at Powers' opera house, Dr. Eddy, who has recently returned from a five years' tour of Aus-tralia, India, China and Japan, will give a séance for the purpose of demon-strating spirit power in the light of the latest science of the Psychological society. The following are among the demonstrations given in Eddy's open séances, as pre-sented by him, before the leading scientific societies of England, Austria, Germany and France. Eddy was by them ex-posed to the most critical test each time. There is not one member among them but acknowledges that in the presence of Mr. Eddy there is a wonder!

ful power and intelligence outside the body that can assume a human form and annihilate distance. But as to what this power is there is a diversity of opinion. A table rises and floats in mid-air, flowers are brought and passed through the audience by invisible hands; spirit slate writing; questions written and re-tained by the interrogators will receive full answers.

This gentleman has acquired a wide celebrity as a medium. His séances are given on the open stage in the full glare of the gas light. The wonderful power displayed by Mr. Eddy can be explained by no other theory than that which he assumes, that he is capable of invoking departed spirits. Sergeant Cox, pre-sident of the Psychological society, Great Britain, says: "I have been an advocate of spiritualistic phenomena for thirty years, and if the manifestations of Mr. Eddy are not genuine, and if it can be proven that they are not, then I will never more believe in spiritualistic man-ifestations." A small admission fee will be charged.

HANDSOME DESIGNS are found in the new spring millinery shown by Corl, Knott & Co. They are the very latest importations and the discriminating ladies of Grand Rapids know that Corl, Knott & Co. have nothing that is not stylish. Many new things have just been received and are now being displayed.

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TO
THE
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at \$3.75.
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